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SUBJECT: DISCUSSION WITH PRCLO ON GOVERNMENT-FACILITATED  
DELEGATIONS AND PEKING MAN FOSSILS

1. WHEN COMMITTEE ON SCHOLARLY COMMUNICATION PRESENTED LIST OF CSC'S HERBAL PHARMACOLOGY DELEGATION OF TWELVE (9 MEDICAL SCHOLARS, 1 CHINA SCHOLAR, 1 CSC STAFFER, FSO MURRAY ZINOMAN) TO PRCLO MARCH 15, PRCLO'S CHI CHAO-CHU, APPARENTLY ACTING ON BASIS OF GUIDANCE FROM PEKING, SAID CHINESE FELT DELEGATION SHOULD INCLUDE EITHER CSC STAFF MEMBER OR FSO BUT NOT BOTH, POINTING OUT THAT "OUR MFA OFFICIALS DO THE STAFF WORK FOR OUR DELEGATIONS". EARLIER, PRCLO HAD ASKED CSC TO CUT DELEGATION FROM 13 TO 12 MEMBERS.

2. DEPARTMENT CALLED IN CHI AND PRCLO CULTURAL OFFICER CHANG CHIH-HSIANG MARCH 16 TO CONVEY OUR STRONG BELIEF THAT IT IS IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH SIDES TO CONTINUE TO ADHERE TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE SENDING SIDE SHALL DETERMINE THE MEMBERSHIP AND COMPOSITION (I.E. PROPORTION OF SCHOLARS TO STAFF AND OFFICIALS) OF ITS OWN DELEGATIONS WITHIN RANGE OF GENERAL SIZE OF EACH GROUP AS AGREED  
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MUTUALLY. WE EMPHASIZED THAT EXCHANGES ARE TWO-WAY

PROCESS AND ONLY POSSIBLE THROUGH FULLEST MUTUAL CONSULTATION, WHICH WE SEEK. WE HAVE GIVEN GREAT FLEXIBILITY TO PRC AS TO SIZE, COMPOSITION AND CHANGES IN COMPOSITION

OF THEIR DELEGATIONS, AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS MUTUALLY ADVANTAGEOUS. WE HOPE TO CONTINUE THIS FLEXIBILITY, BUT REITERATE STRONGLY THAT ONCE TIMING, GENERAL SUBJECT MATTER AND SIZE OF DELEGATION IS AGREED, COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION AS A GENERAL PRINCIPLE IS MATTER FOR SENDING SIDE TO DETERMINE ON BASIS OF ITS JUDGMENT OF DELEGATION'S NEEDS.

3. IN RESPONSE, CHI REPEATEDLY RAISED ARGUMENT ABOUT STAFF ROLE PLAYED ON CHINESE DELEGATIONS BY PRC OFFICIALS AND QUESTIONED WHETHER WE WERE SEEKING TO FORECLOSE CONSULTATIONS ON SIZE, TIMING AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS FOR DELEGATIONS. HE WAS ASSURED THAT WE ARE NOT RAISING NEW PRINCIPLE FOR EXCHANGES, BUT MERELY WANT TO ENSURE THAT PREVIOUSLY SUCCESSFUL PATTERN OF OPERATION CONTINUES. CHI AGREED TO CONVEY OUR POSITION TO PRCLO ACTING CHIEF HAN HSU. SIGNIFICANTLY, CHI DID NOT RAISE ISSUE OF DEPARTMENT'S RIGHT TO ATTACH OFFICER TO DELEGATIONS.

4. ON SEPARATE TOPIC, WE INFORMED CHINESE THAT USG INVESTIGATION ON WHEREABOUTS OF PEKING MAN FOSSILS SOON WILL BE COMPLETED AND THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO DISCUSS CASE WITH PRCLO SHOULD THEY WISH. CHINESE WERE TOLD THAT IT APPEARS, HOWEVER, THAT INVESTIGATION WILL NOT LEAD US ANY CLOSER TO LOCATING THE BONES. INVESTIGATION OF ALL LEADS AND INTERVIEWS OF ALL SURVIVORS AND HEIRS OF US MARINE DETACHMENT IN PEKING IN 1941 ARE TENDING TO CONFIRM THAT THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE FOSSILS WERE EVER BROUGHT TO UNITED STATES. AS IN PRCLO'S MEETING TWO WEEKS AGO WITH CHRISTOPHER JANUS, CHINESE EXPRESSED GREAT INTEREST IN FOSSILS AND REVEALED THAT THEY ARE CONDUCTING THEIR OWN INQUIRY. KISSINGER

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